

PROTECTS HIS FRUIT CROP

M. M. Chase Protects His Enormous Orchard Against Frost--Will Build Large Fires

Owing to the early warm weather last year, most of the fruit crop in the whole country was badly injured and in some parts of the country it was completely destroyed.

Mr. M. M. Chase, who has one of the finest and largest apple orchards in the whole southwest, is now taking great precautions against the recurrence of injury by frost, this year. We have been having some very warm weather, and the apple trees have begun to throw out buds. In order to keep the frost from doing as much damage as it might otherwise do, Mr. Chase has a large force

of men hauling wood and piling it all around the orchard. In case of heavy frost, great fires will be built all around the orchard, and by this method it is hoped that damage to the crop will be averted.

Mr. Chase is one of the most successful growers of fine apples in the Territory, and he has taken this precaution for years, but it is seldom that it is found necessary to keep the fires going for any length of time. It is only when extreme early spring sets in and the buds come out freely, that the crops of fruit around Cimarron have to be protected.

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plied to the wound will render the bite of the Monster perfectly harmless.

Mr. Ralston stated that if people only knew more about snakes, they would not be so much afraid of them. The reason that a snake bites one is because it is frightened. Once show them they need have no fear and they are great pets, and in a day or so, the fiercest rattler can be made a nice plaything.

Mr. Ralston is not looking for specimens here in Cimarron because the season has not as yet opened up, and also because he is convinced that the vicinity of Cimarron is very poor in specimens, snakes not being found to any extent in an open country like that surrounding Cimarron.

GAS STRUCK NEAR VEGAS

New Mexico City Excited Over Discovery Near That Place

Las Vegas, March 24.—According to reports received in this city late this afternoon natural gas has been struck on the McMillan farm, five miles from this city, and the well has been capped and fired.

C. A. McMillan, one of the owners of the farm, left Las Vegas at 3:30 o'clock in a carriage to drive to the scene.

The farm is owned by C. A. and M. N. McMillan and is being operated for them by a man named Grimes.

A contract was recently let for sinking a well on the property, a better water supply being the object. O'Dell was doing the work of well-boring.

Details of how the gas came to be tapped are not available at present, but it is said the well-borer tapped a gas flow that shot to the surface with a hissing noise and burned fiercely when fired. Work of capping it at once was gone about and it is claimed that it is now under control.

Las Vegas is but six miles from the scene of the find and it is claimed that if the flow is strong, pipes may be laid here and gas supplied residences and business houses.

MILWAUKEE BOAT STEAL

Washington, March 24.—The official report of the investigation held on board the cruiser Milwaukee of the taking of \$3,800 from the safe of Paymaster Skipwith, shows that the safe probably was locked and the paymaster was not away from the ship during the time when the abstraction of the funds must have occurred.

TUNNEL WORKERS INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Trinidad, Colorado, March 24.—James Davis and A. Reeder, two employes of the Langtry Construction company at the Raton tunnel, were brought to this city last night and taken to the San Raphael hospital suffering with severe injuries sustained while at work yesterday. The two men were engaged in drilling when a "missed" shot was struck. A terrific explosion ensued and both were injured by flying rock and also seriously burned. That both were not killed outright is little short of miraculous. The men are in a serious condition, but they will recover.

KILLED BY PRISONER

Montana Sheriff Slain by Horse Thief that He Had Just Caught

Helena, Mont., March 24.—Sheriff James Weber of Billings was shot and instantly killed this morning by Wm. Byrchforth, a notorious horse thief wanted in Wyoming. The murderer escaped and a posse is now in hot pursuit. Weber had been on the trail of the thief for several days and finally located him last night. This morning he surprised Byrchforth and placed him under arrest. A few minutes later the prisoner asked permission to go to a wagon nearby and get a drink. The request was granted and when Byrchforth reached the place he seized a rifle lying in the bottom of the vehicle and killed the officer outright. He then mounted the officer's horse and escaped. A large price is already on the head of the murderer who has evaded arrest for several months.

PUEBLO G. O. P. TO MEET

Pueblo, Colo., March 24.—The Pueblo Republican county convention will meet here tomorrow. The delegates are expected to endorse Warren A. Haggott for congressman from this district.

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STEEN MEETS HIS SISTER

LIEUTENANT AND MRS. W. H. PATTERSON PASS THROUGH RATON HOMEWARD BOUND FROM PHILIPPINES.

Last Saturday, Henry Steen of the Cimarron Townsite company, went to Raton to meet his sister, brother-in-law and little nephew, who were passing through, homeward bound from the Philippines. Lieutenant and Mrs. W. H. Patterson have been in the Philippines for the past two years, where the former has been stationed with this regiment, the 24th Infantry, doing active service. Lieutenant Patterson is adjutant of his regiment and a soldier of experience. The 24th is known as one of the best regiments in the service, and is ordered home to an eastern post to enjoy its well earned rest. The soldiers are homeward bound on a special which left the coast a few days ago, and Mr. Steen was able to enjoy a short visit with his people while the train stopped at Raton. Lieutenant Patterson was able to tell some tales of rather rough service on the island of Cebu, where he has been stationed, but reports that his health and that of his family is of the very best.

IS BUILDING NEW OFFICE

NORMAN WILKINS IS BUILDING NEW OFFICE, CONNECTING WITH BLACKSMITH SHOP.

The Citizen announced a week or so ago that the J. S. Wilson property consisting of the blacksmith shop, building, tools, etc., had been taken over by Norman Williams, who will continue to conduct the business. The business has evidently been conducted so well that a new office building was necessary. Mr. Wilkins is now erecting a one story addition to the blacksmith shop, the new building being just to the west of the larger structure. While not large, it is a neat and amply commodious for the needs of the business.

The Citizen is informed that the business will be enlarged by the addition of a farm implement and machinery department in the near future. Cimarron has long needed just such a business, conducted by a pushing and enterprising man as Mr. Wilkins has shown himself to be, because the growing demand for farm implements, tools and machinery of all kinds must be met somewhere and there is no reason why it should not be met at home.

"BAT" JOHNSON PROVES A TARTAR

Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, had a shade the best of it in a ten round go here tonight with "Batling" Johnson before Tom McCarey's club. Johnson had much the best of Flynn in weight and gave the Colorado fighter the hardest scrap he ever encountered in his pugilistic career. Very little betting was done as little was known of Johnson. Flynn claimed Johnson was a dub before the fight, but now has reason to think differently. Both men was fast and Johnson showed remarkable speed for a man of his weight. His showing tonight puts him among the best heavyweights and his admirers are clamoring for a match between Burns and their favorite.

MERCY FOR ORCHARD

Judge Points Out Duty of Governor Gooding in Notice

Boise, Idaho, March 24.—Governor Gooding today received official notice, as is required by law, from Judge Fremont Wood of the sentence of Harry Orchard, the self-confessed murderer of ex-Governor Steunenberg. Judge Wood, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said:

"By the statutes of Idaho the common law is made the rule of decision in all cases not inconsistent with the legislative laws of the United States and of the state.

"At the common law when the court or magistrate accepted an accomplice as a witness against a co-defendant, the law implied a promise on the part of such court or magistrate to recommend such accomplice to the merciful consideration of the crown, provided the accomplice thus accepted as a witness was subsequently convicted of the same offense.

"This right has been declared to be a part of our judicial system by the supreme court of the United States and by the supreme court of several states.

"The right, however, to such recommendation for clemency depends upon the accomplice thus accepted as a witness testifying fully and fairly to the entire transaction involved, and it is this fact that makes it necessary for the trial court to review the evidence of the accomplice before judicial determining that such accomplice is entitled to the recommendations of the court for any degree of executive clemency.

"The accomplice, Orchard, having testified fully and fairly when accepted as a witness, the court recommends the omission of the death penalty."

AMERICAN ON TRIAL IN PARIS FOR FORGERY

Paris, March 23.—The hearing of the case of an American giving the name of Mosso, who was arrested recently by the Paris police on the charge of having negotiated forged letters of credit on the bank of C. B. Richard & Co., of New York, of which he was a former employe, came up before an examining magistrate today.

The magistrate interrogated the prisoner but failed to elicit the names of his accomplices, which cashed at together twelve letters of credit, each valued at \$15,000.

SLAVS HAVE BAD FIGHT

Toronto, Canada, March 24.—In a fight among a gang of Slavonians employed on the water works tunnel last night Joseph Milovitch was shot dead and several others received stab wounds, but none was dangerously hurt.

The police arrested fifteen of the participants.

CITIZEN AGAIN MAKES OFFER

Will Furnish Free Papers To All Who Call For Them---Help Boost Cimarron

Last week the Cimarron Citizen made an offer in its editorial column which it again renews, and will continue to renew. The offer is simply this: To every person who will call at the Citizen office, free copies of its current issue will be given. Provided that the recipient will pledge himself to send them out to friends throughout the country. We are going to put Cimarron before the world and let people know what we

have here. You will be benefitted by the growth of Cimarron, and the Citizen will share with you the expense of aiding in its growth. As long as the extra copies last you are welcome to them. We want to get people interested in Cimarron, and we know that we can show them great possibilities. Why not help the good work along? If you are game, you will make this free offer of the Citizen cost it so much money that it will have to eat its offer.

J.W. DUCKWORTH WRITES LETTER

BROTHER OF IRA DAUCKWORTH TELLS OF TRIP TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—VOYAGE INTERESTING.

Ira Duckworth of the Oxford Hotel is in receipt of a most interesting letter written by his brother, J. W. Duckworth in which he tells of his trip to the Hawaiian islands. Mr. Duckworth made the voyage from San Francisco to Honolulu last December and on his trip over experienced some very rough weather. On reaching the islands he took a small coasting ship and made numerous stops at different islands, sighting, among others, the island of Molokai, made famous as the home of the exiled lepers. Mr. Duckworth's explanation of the industrial conditions in the islands and in the great sugar cane plantations is most interesting. He states that the average crop of cane is from 60 to 70 tons per acre

and that this produces from three to four tons of sugar, bringing from \$30 to \$40 per ton. The letter further states that the raising of pine apples has greatly increased but that the last year's coffee output was reduced about 50 percent because the competition of other countries made coffee raising unprofitable. Mr. Duckworth writes enthusiastically about the beauty of Honolulu and the whole account of his trip is most interesting.